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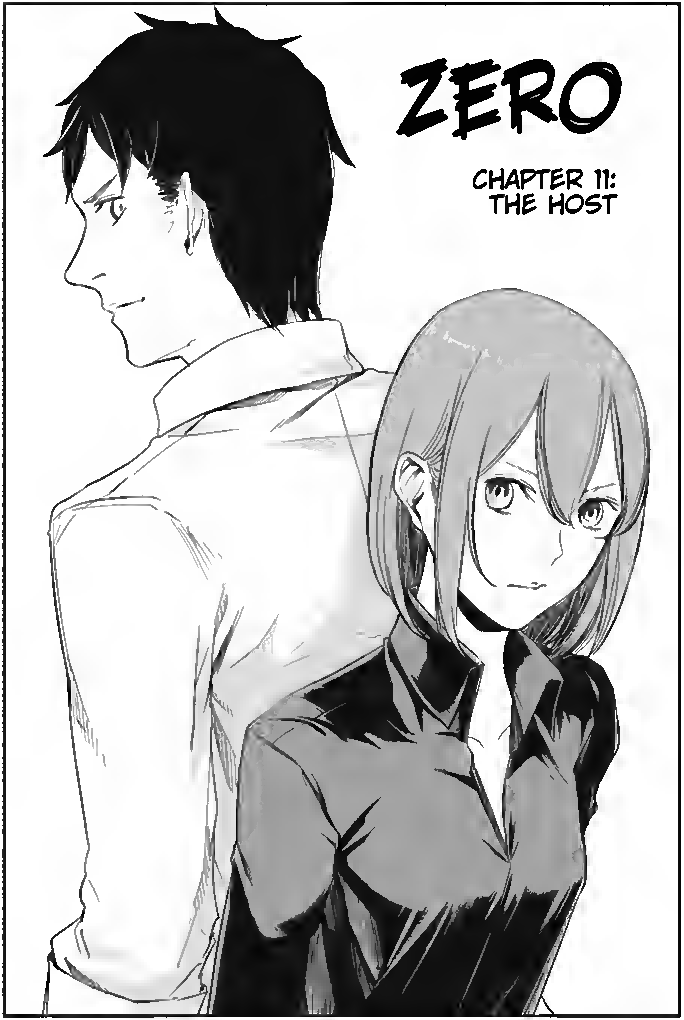
CHAPTER 11: THE HOST



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ORIGINAL STORY
KOEI TECMO GAMES

GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH DEATH IN OUR NEW HORROR SUSPENSE SERIES. PART II!

THE PLACE WHERE AN APPROACHING THREAT AWAKENS IS DRAWING NEAR.

THIS IS IT, THEN.
LIKE A CANCER.
EVIL SPIRITS ALWAYS WANT A PLACE TO BE, TO POSSESS SOMEONE. IN THE END, THE SPIRITS DRIVE THEIR HOST TO CERTAIN DEATH, AND THEN THEY ARE AGAIN STARVED FOR LIVING FLESH.

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L... LET'S GO.
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I DON'T KNOW... EVERYONE SCATTERED WHEN WE RAN FROM THE POOL.
RYUZAKI-SAN, WHERE'S THE REST OF US?
I HOPE THEY'RE ALL RIGHT...

HOW DID IT GO, TAKA-KURA-KUN?
I KNEW THERE WAS AN EXIT, SO I WENT THROUGH THE BUSHES, BUT BEFORE I REALIZED, I WAS BACK WHERE I'D STARTED FROM.
NO GOOD.

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HMM... I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT, BUT IT APPEARS THAT WE'VE BEEN LEFT IN AN EXTREMELY UNSCIENTIFIC SITUATION.
IT'S DARK AS NIGHT OUT THERE. IT'S LIKE WE'RE LOCKED IN AN INVISIBLE MAZE! NO MATTER WHERE WE GO WE END UP WHERE WE LEFT FROM.
WHAT'S GOING ON, PROFES-SOR KOUTARI ?
NUE-KUN.
AMA-NUMA-KUN. WHAT ABOUT THE TWO OF YOU?

IT'S NO GOOD...
WE CAN'T GET OUT OF HERE.
HMM... WHAT TO DO...?
WELL, FIRST OF ALL WE SHOULD FIND WASHIZUKI-KUN AND THE PHOTO-GRAPHER, RYUZAKI.
I THINK THE TWO OF THEM FORESAW SOMETHING LIKE THIS OCCURRING, SO MAYBE THEY KNOW SOMETHING.

WHEN THAT HAPPENED, WASHIZUKI-SAN TOOK OUT SOMETHING LIKE AN OLD CAMERA AND SET OFF A FLASH, TAKING A PICTURE.
AND THEN THE FEELING THAT SOMETHING WAS PULLING ON MY LEGS SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED, AND I WAS SAVED.
ALMOST FELL INTO THE TOILET BEFORE, REMEMBER?
I SEE... I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE GOING ON WITH HER.
ISN'T SHE A SHADOW PRIESTESS?
HM?

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ACTUALLY, I HAVE A TOUCH OF SPIRITUAL POWER.
SO I'VE BEEN INTERESTED IN THAT SORT OF THING FOR A LONG TIME, AND THIS ISN'T MY FIRST TIME AT MOUNT KEGARE.

YOU'VE NEVER SAID A WORD ABOUT THAT BEFORE.

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LISTENED TO ME IF I DID.
WHEN I CAME BEFORE, I SPOKE WITH A LOCAL...

YOU SHOULDN'T GO ANY FARTHER, THERE!
IF YOU REALLY WANNA, FIRST GO UP THE MOUNTAIN PATH INSIDE THE SEAL...
...AND VISIT THE SHRINE THERE, IF YOU CAN. BUY A HUMAN CUTOUT SUBSTITUTE FROM A SHADOW PRIESTESS.
WHY NOT, OLD MAN?

SHADOW PRIEST-ESS?
THEY ARE ALL PART OF A FAMILY OF PRIESTESSES WHOSE JOB IS TO EXTERMI-NATE THE EVIL SPIRITS AND DEMONS THAT ARE SEALED INTO MOUNT KEGARE.

...EXPLAIN THIS INCOMPREHENSIBLE SITUATION?
DOES... THAT MEAN THAT YOU CAN...
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I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, BUT I CAN SORT OF SENSE WHAT'S HAPPENING.
WE'VE BEEN STOPPED HERE BY DESTINY ITSELF...
...I DON'T GET ANY OF THIS!
Whoop
LET'S JUST LOOK FOR WASHIZUKI-KUN AND THE REST.
The heck that?

HM? WHAT WAS THAT...?
PROFESSOR KOUTARI, MAYBE IT'S SARA-CHAN?
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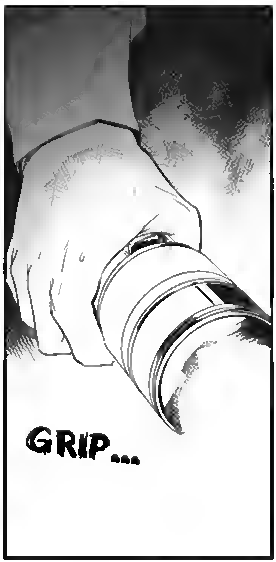
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WHO IS IT?
...IS THAT YOU, WASHI-ZUKI-KUN?

NO...
IT'S ME, PRO-FES-SOR.
OH, SUZU-MORI-KUN!
YOU WERE HERE ALL ALONG? WE WERE WORRIED WHEN YOU DISAPPEARED YESTERDAY.
AHH, I'M GLAD.
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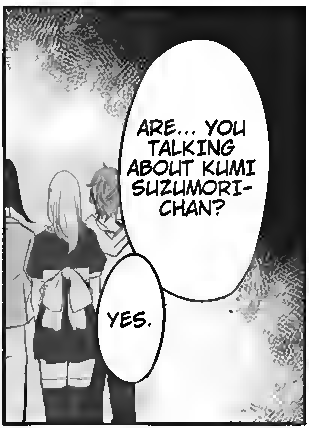
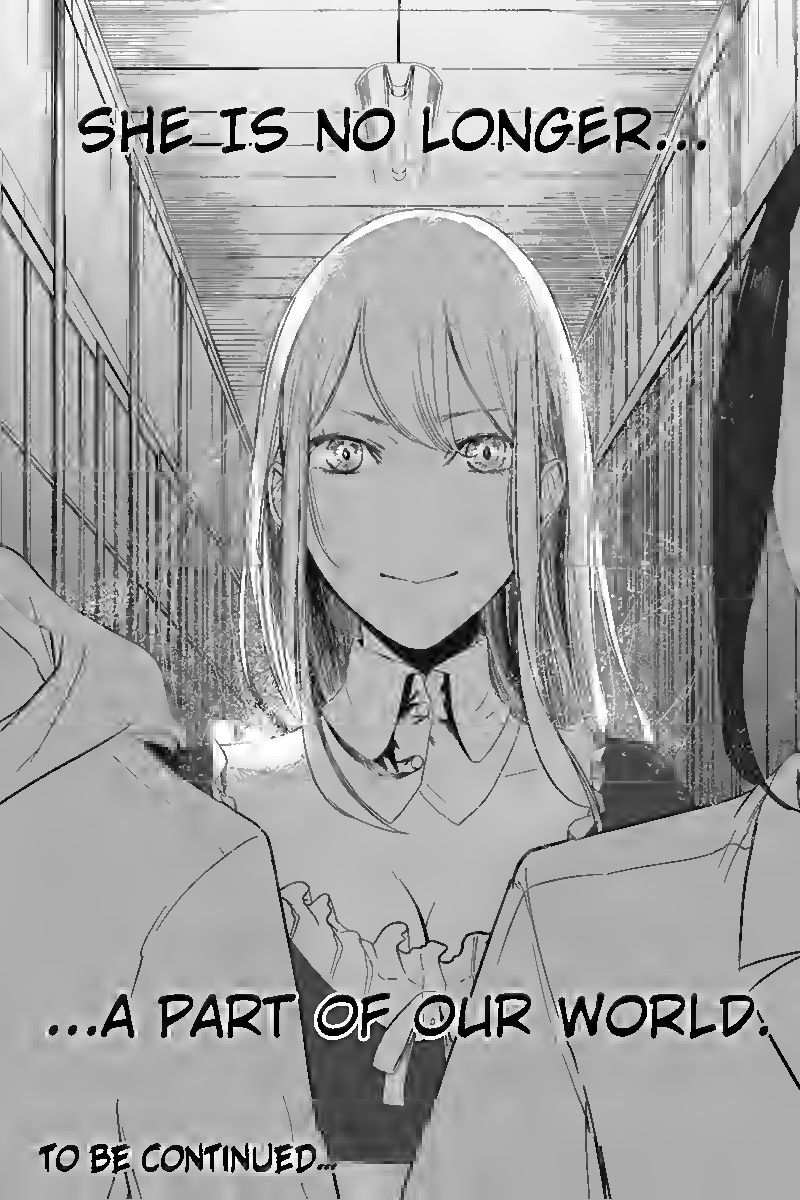
HEY, SHADOW PRIEST-ESS.
WHAT HAPPENED TO MIKIKO-CHAN AFTER SHE DISAP-PEARED AT THE POOL?
SHE'S NO LONGER ALIVE.
SHE'S THE SECOND, NOW...


ARE... YOU TALKING ABOUT KUMI SUZUMORI-CHAN?
YES.

THE SECOND ?
YESTERDAY EVENING, ONE OF OUR SEMINAR MEMBERS WAS LIKELY SNATCHED AWAY BY AN EVIL SPIRIT. SHE WAS SWALLOWED UP BY THE WATER, AND DRAGGED INTO THE UNDERWORLD.


SHE IS NO LONGER...
...A PART OF OUR WORLD.
TO BE CONTINUED...